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For: EPOTHILONE DERIVATIVES

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AMENDMENT

**Box Non-Fee Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2001, Applicants submit herewith the following amendments and remarks for consideration and entry into the record of the above-captioned application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims and allowance thereof.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Marked up versions of all revised paragraphs showing insertions and deletions are included in Appendix A.

Replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 1-3 with the following text:

E' -- B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>2</sub> are selected from the group consisting of OR<sub>24</sub>, or OCOR<sub>25</sub>, or O<sub>2</sub>CNR<sub>26</sub>R<sub>27</sub>; when B<sub>1</sub> is OH and Y is OH, H they can form a six-membered ring ketal or acetal;--

IN THE CLAIMS

A marked up version of the amended claims showing insertions and deletions is attached hereto as Exhibit B. For the Examiner's convenience a list of the currently pending claims is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

Please rewrite claims 1, 8, 11, 14, 15, 23, 25, 27 and 29 as follows:

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